



# NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Caltrans Maintenance Supervisor Injured**

**REDDING** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) reports a maintenance supervisor was injured this morning while assisting with the extrication of a Caltrans snowplow from a ditch on State Route 89, five miles south of Canyon Damn, near Lake Almanor.

Chester area Maintenance Supervisor Luke Mason, a Caltrans employee of twelve years, became trapped between two vehicles while assisting with the removal of a snowplow from a ditch.

Mason who complained of chest pains after being pinned between a grader and a ten-wheel dump truck was taken to Chester Airport where he was airlifted to Enloe Medical Center in Chico.

Mason suffered eight broken ribs and a broken collarbone; he will remain at Enloe overnight for observation.

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